employment opportunities and income both in the rural and urban areas, reduce post-harvest losses, establish productive linkage between the industry and the farmers, increase export of processed food and generally support productive efforts of agricultural and allied activities.

Report of the Committee on National Population Policy

187. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee headed by Dr. M. S. Swaminathan has submitted a draft report on National Population Policy; and

(b) if so, what are the highlights of the reports and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While dealing with the entire gamut of population issues the Committee has made among others the following major recommendations:

(i) Integration of gander equity in Plan for health and family welfare.

(ii) Creation of an enabling environment and empowerment mechanism to accelerate the march towards goal of population stabilisation, by achieving a Total Fertiliy Rate of 2.1 by the year 2010.

(iii) Speedy and effective implementation of the minimum Needs Programme.

(iv) Provision of maternal and child health and family planning services based on informed chice.

(v) Involvement of Panchayati Raj and Municipal instiutions for achieving population stabilisation.

(vi) Creation of Population and social Development Fund or filling the critical gaps in implementation.

(vii) Constitution of Population and Social Development Commission for implementng population stabilisation Programmes through inter-sectoral convergance.

The report of the Committee was received on 24th May 1994. The Report has been tabled in the Rajya Sabha on 14th June, 1994 Consultations with the States/UTs and other Ministries/Departments of the Government of India have been initiated.

Complaints regarding humiliation of SC/ST staff in CGHS

188. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will he Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received in CGHS Headquarters, Delhi recently for harassing an humiliating staff belonging to SC/ST in the matter of appointment of Homoeopathic Pharmacists and other categories;

(b) if so, the designation of staff responsible for these complaints;

(c) whether any action has been taken against those found guilty in this matter;

(d) if so, the details thereo ; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Nil.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.